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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: IRAQI DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MILITARY AND
NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE.

1. IRAQ HAS SUBMITTED DRAFT RESOLUTION TO UN SPECIAL
SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) CALLING FOR MANDATORY ARMS
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CHARTER SESSION ON DISARMAMENT
EMBARGO UNDER CHAPTER VII UN CHARTER CONDEMNING ISRAELI
USE OF CLUSTER BOMBS IN LEBANON AND US MILITARY ASSISTANCE
TO ISRAEL. RESOLUTION CALLS FOR ALL STATES, PARTICULARLY
THE U.S. TO REFRAIN FROM SUPPLYING ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT,
ARMS AND AMMUNITION TO ISRAEL. A HALT TO THE TRANSFER
OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND FISSIONABLE MATERIALS

IS ALSO CALLED FOR, AND THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL IS REQUESTED TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PROMOTING THESE EFFORTS.

2. RESOLUTION IS PRESENTLY CO-SPONSORED BY MOST ARAB STATES (EXCLUDING EGYPT, ALGERIA AND SAUDI ARABIA). WE UNDERSTAND THAT EASTERN BLOC DOES NOT FAVOR THE RESOLUTION. PRESENT CO-SPONSORS ARE AFGHANISTAN, ANGOLA, BAHRAIN, BANGLADBSH, BENIN, CUBA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, IRAQ, JORDAN, KUWAIT, LEBANON, LIBYA, MALAGASY REPUBLIC, MALI, MAURITANIA, MOROCCO, QATER, SOMALIA, SRI LANKA, SYRIA, TUNISIA, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, VIET NAM AND YEMEN.

3. THE DEPARTMENT AND USUN VIEW THE RESOLUTION AS A VERY SERIOUS, ADVERSE DEVELOPMENT WHICH REPRESENTS THE POLITICAL AX-GRINDING WHICH WE HAD HOPED WOULD NOT OCCUR AT THE SSOD. IF ALLOWED TO STAND AND TO PASS, IT WOULD DISCREDIT THE DESIRED SERIOUSNESS AND OBJECTIVITY WHICH SHOULD CHARACTERIZE THE SESSION. THE RESOLUTION IS NOT ONLY UNACCEPTABLE AS IT STANDS, BUT CANNOT REALISTICALLY BE MODIFIED TO MAKE IT ACCEPTABLE. THE SSOD REPRESENTS THE MOST WIDE-RANGING AND CONCERTED ATTEMPT BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY COMPREHENSIVELY TO ADDRESS COMPLEX ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES. TO BE EVEN MODERATELY SUCCESSFUL IN THIS IMPORTANT UNDERTAKING, IT IS NECESSARY THAT CONSENSUS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THESE ISSUES IS ACHIEVED.
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THE IRAQI RESOLUTION CAN DISRUPT SSOD CONSENSUS EFFORTS SHOULD IT PASS AND WOULD CREATE DIVISIVENESS WHICH WOULD ENDANGER THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE SESSION. FINALLY, THE USG IS DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT THIS RESOLUTION COULD LEAD TO THE INTRODUCTION OF A NUMBER OF OTHER EQUALLY CONTENTIOUS PROPOSALS WHOSE ONLY ACCOMPLISHMENT WOULD BE TO ENSURE DISHARMONY AND DAMPEN THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT WHICH IS VITAL TO SUCCESS OF THIS SESSION.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, EMBASSIES IN ALL BUT THE CO-SPONSORING STATES, EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW, ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE DEMARCHES TO HOST GOVERNMENT

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE STRESSING THE POINTS

NOTED ABOVE AND URGING NEGATIVE VOTE OR, AT MINIMUM, ABSTENTION ON THE RESOLUTION. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT, RESPONSIBLE NON-ALIGNED LEADERS, AND OTHERS WHO ARE CONCERNED THAT SSOD BE SUCCESSFUL, ARE TRYING TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR DEFUSING IRAQI RESOLUTION, PRINCIPALLY BY DEFERRAL. YOU SHOULD ASK THAT YOUR HOST'S DELEGATION TO SSOD BE INSTRUCTED TO WORK WITH U.S. AND OTHER DELEGATIONS

TO THIS END.

5. FOR BUENOS AIRES, BRASILIA, NEW DELHI, MEXICO, LIMA AND BELGRADE: IN ADDITION TO MAKING ABOVE ARGUMENTS, WE REQUEST THAT YOU NOTE OUR INTEREST IN WORKING WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS IN ATTEMPTING TO HEAD OFF THE RESOLUTION AND, AS APPROPRIATE IN LIGHT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RELATIONS WITH IRAQ, REQUEST THAT THEY APPROACH GOI IN BAGHDAD URGING IRAQI RECONSIDERATION OF ITS PROPOSAL.

6. FOR MOSCOW AND EE EMBASSIES: EMBASSIES SHOULD, IN ADDITION, DRAWING ON ABOVE GUIDANCE, ALSO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE WHICH BOTH THE U.S., THE USSR AND THE EE COUNTRIES ATTACH TO ACHIEVING GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSENSUS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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SESSIONS AS IMPORTANT AS THE SSOD. WE BELIEVE THE USSR AND OTHERS SHARE OUR CONCERNS ON THIS POINT AND REALIZE THAT NO CONCESSION IS POSSIBLE ON THE RESOLUTION. THUS, WE URGE SOVIET AND EE COOPERATION IN WORKING TO HEAD OFF THIS RESOLUTION.

7. FOR CAIRO: EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS USG APPRECIATION TO GOE FOR INFORMING US OF THIS DEVELOPMENT EARLY ON AND FOR NOT COSPONSORING RESOLUTION.

8. FOR BAHRAIN, DACCA, AMMAN, BEIRUT, KUWAIT, QATAR, RABAT, MOGADISCIO, COLOMBO, KHARTOUM, DAMASCUS, TUNIS, SANA, ABU DHABI, NOUAKCHOTT, AND BAMAKO: EMBASSIES REQUESTED TO EXPRESS OUR HOPE HOST STATES WILL URGENTLY RECONSIDER CO-SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION USING ARGUMENTS PROVIDED ABOVE. ADDITIONALLY, YOU MAY NOTE THAT PUBLIC OPINION IN THE U.S., INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESS OPINION, WILL REACT STRONGLY AGAINST PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION.

9. FOR USUN: WE HAVE NOTED WITH INTEREST ORTIZ DE ROZAS' COMMENTS (USUN 2824 NOTAL) REGARDING POSSIBLE PROCEDURAL DEVICES FOR DEFLECTING IRAQI RESOLUTION. WE WILL BE COMMENTING SEPARATELY ON THESE IDEAS. YOU SHOULD ALSO APPRISE SYMPATHETIC GOVERNMENTS OF MEASURES WE ARE TAKING AND URGE PARALLEL EFFORTS ON THEIR PART. YOU MIGHT ALSO INVESTIGATE WITH NGO'S ASSISTANCE THEY MIGHT RENDER.

10. FOR TEL AVIV: YOU SHOULD BRIEF FOREIGN MINISTRY ON MEASURES WE ARE TAKING. VANCE

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